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Ministry of Health, Labour and
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Dr. Sally Stratmoen, Chief
Equivalence
International Policy Staff
OPDDE, FSIS, USDA

Dear Dr. Sally Stratmoen:

Thank you for your kind attention regarding beef exports to the United States.
I would like to provide our opinions to your draft report as follows:

We recommend to:

- 1) Add the name of Dr. Tesuo Hanamoto, Agricultural Specialist, U. S. Embassy as the participant in the Entrance Meeting. (page 3 of draft final)
 - 2) Headquarters Audit : Change "Inspection and Safety Division to the Division of Export of Meat Products to the United States" to "Veterinary Sanitation Division, Environmental Health Bureau, Ministry of Health and Welfare to Inspection and Safety Division, Department of Food Safety, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare". (page 3)
 - 3) Pest Control 1: Change "in all three establishments" to "in G-1 and M-1" of the first sentence, because it was not pointed out at K-1. (page 6)
 - 4) Post-Mortem Inspection Procedures : Insert "in K-1" in the second sentence, because it was pointed out only at K-1. (page 7)
- We would confirm that:
- 5) "Condemned Product" means dead bodies which died in a slaughterhouse before slaughter? (last sentence of page 2)

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours Sincerely,

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